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their campfires or walking backward and forward thru the glare. Any moment might bring the Confederates down from the hilltops in a solid charge upon the flank of the marching col-umns, with their incumbrances of wagons and artillery. Should this happen, the destruction of the army would seem inevitable, for the dispersed divisions could not reunite, but would be forced to straggle over the country by what ways they could find, continually ex-posed to attack by superior forces, while Hood's solid columns would rush en to Nashville and capture the city.

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THE COMING OF THE 624 CONGRESS.

Democrats Propose a Full Legislative Session This Summer-Investigations Galore Promised-Wickersham, Ballinger, Dickinson and Meyer to Be Put On the Gridiron-The President's Atti-

CHAPTER VIII.

A Question of Endurance.

One important fact has wholly escaped the attention of the disputants on both sides, and that is: Is in tot mere at Hood's men were so estimated by and mentally and mentally incapable of making place at headquarters during the attack? Whoever studies the his
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of routine. The Political Object in the Background. Probably the object back of opening the books is largely political. It is hardly possible for one party to have con-trol of the Government 14 years without some of the transactions under its authority being open to criticism. The Democrats, of course, propose to criticize and to inspect with a view to criti-cize. As they open the books they will review Republican Administrations well back to the time when President Mc Kinley first came in, and wherever the find anything that seems at all ques tionable they will turn on the flerce

Naturally there will be a deal of buncombe in the proceedings, and many efforts to make appear wrong things that were entirely right. But the public will eventually sift the disclosures and determine the merits and demorits of the Republican stewardship. It is not easy these days to make up a case un-less the facts warrant it, and, of course, if the House Democrats in their procedure of opening the books make too much of a fuss, only to find that the books bear inspection, they will have been hoisted with their own petards. Half a dozen new committee Chair-

past Schofield's left flank. The march of such a great body of men over pontion bridges and narrow, rough country roads, made as bad as possible by the heavy rains and frequent freezes, must have been exceedingly exhausting to any troops, and especially to those in the physical condition of Hood's into battle array in the open fields of the regiments in the army had lately received large numbers of retrieve what had been and the brigade in two lines of battle faced to the rear and began slowly to retire. By this time it was light, and the enemy discovered the movement and followed up with considerable vigor, but in small parties. Col. Smith handled his line skilfully, drove off the Confederate army was rushing into battle array in the open fields of the regiments in the army had lately received large numbers of recruits, when the postponed till next year, when the Departments are the stinging comments faced to the rear and began slowly to retire. By this time it was light, and the enemy discovered the movement and followed up with considerable vigor, but in small parties. Col. Smith handled his line skilfully, drove off the Confederates without loss to himself, killing a few of them. One officer was killed within a rod of Smith's line. All of the regiments in the army had lately received large numbers of recruits, when these committees are always headed to the rear and began slowly to retire. By this time it was light, and the enemy discovered the movement and followed up with considerable vigor, but in small parties. Col. Smith handled his line skilfully, drove off the Confederates without loss to himself, killing a few of them.

The danger was not only at Spring Hill, for it was believed that Forrest held Thompson's Station, a few miles farther en. Cox, with his division, started from Spring Hill for Franklin, and a train over five miles long was drawn out on the read. Trouble was was drawn out on the read. Trouble was was drawn out on the read. Trouble was was drawn out on the read. To be inversely and the checks and balances of our governmental system adjusted political success was transactions pass under severe scrutiny of 60 others of its predecessors, but the sooner or later. It may be a number of years, but eventually the opposing political party gets in, and so nicely are the checks and balances of our governmental system adjusted political success.

ward Governor of his State, did a very creditable lot of work in putting the freesury upon a better working basis but what there have been debates in sion of Congress in the last five years but what there have been debates in regards the disposition of a vast deal which the Weather Bureau has been routine. prove that it was not conducted with efficiency, but the grievances are nu-merous, because many communities are asking for Weather Bureau facilities which it has been physically and finan-

## cially impossible to allow. Objects of Assault.

Attorney-General Wickersham, Secreary of War Dickinson and Secretary of the Navy Meyer will undoubtedly be called to the bar of this Democratic House procedure to open the departmental hooks. The Democratic Chair-men on Expenditures will want to see about the disbursements of moneys for he support of the Army and the Navy and also to learn about the trust-busting suits and investigations. These activities will be accompanied by much hue and cry. Stenographers will be on hand to take down the words. It will

y applied. It matters not to the Dem-erats that President Taft has been pursuing an economy program for a couple of years and bringing pressure

Stands Up for His Secretaries.



Every appropriation bill is now an appropriation law, but it was the narrowest shave known in the average lifetime. The consummation came only after there had been numerous "scares" the Democrats killing the Board by denying it the necessary funds for the performance of its duties in investigating tariff schedules. cover quickly.

It caused few regrets that Canadian

reciprocity failed. The Republican Senators wanted it that way. Of course, if they had not wanted it that way they would have found time to vote upon the oill which the House had passed and which would have made an extra session unnecessary. But with the appropriation bills it was different. The responsibility for the appropriation bills rested with the Republican Senate and the Republican House. The Republican House had performed its share of that reciprocity failed. The Republican Sen-House had performed its share of that the Indian from Oklahoma, held the task, and the Republican Senate had floor, conducting a one-man filibuster, dallied till the time was all too brief He could not be taken from the floor

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The testimon and findings will likewise be utilled the session of Congress which was next December in making up the ust appropriation bills. The Democrats are pledged to economy of expenditures, and this testimony is expected to furnish information as to where the pruning knife can be proper.

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couple of years and bringing pressure to bear upon Congress to curtail. It is matters not, as far as the House Democrats are concerned, that the President has been working on a reorganization of the Departments and seeking to introduce revised methods of doing the public business. The House Democrats will go ahead all the same, and their investigations will accordingly cover in no small part the reform work that the President himself has been directing. To that extent their investigation indirectly of the President, and he will welcome it to the fullest extent. As a matter of fact, the Democrats will find that the President has anticipated them in many particulars, and has sone far with the president has anticipated them in many particulars, and has sone far with the

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Board, which means that the Board will have enough money to continue operations till July 1 1912. That was half a Commission is concerned, and he does ing tariff schedules.

So it was with other matters involved

have been disposed of, that the Admin-istration, and the Republican Party More than that, the failure of the might not have been forced into such appropriation bills would have given a plight. Senator Owen had been de-

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Senate Republicans. The prospect of the sundry civil bill, has radical provisions, including initia-

condition of their men as exhausted by the failure of their great opportunity. their marching, incapable of going for- There were certainly bitter recrimina-

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and swift pace, while nothing appears in the Union reports of any unusua

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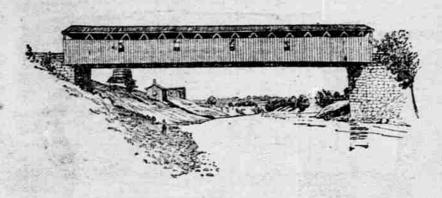
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VIEW ON THE FRANLKIN PIKE AT THE CARTER HOUSE.

of the way, and Lee filled the country thru which he passed with stragglers and broken-down men, while the Army and broken-down men, while the Army of the Potomac arrived on the field of tions between the commanding General and his corps and division officers, in In the present instance Hood's seven divisions had made a swift forced white heat of passion. This scene could march of about 18 miles from the south not have lasted very long, however, but side of Duck River to Spring Hill over was of sufficient duration and intensity the worst possible roads in swinging to send everyone in headlong fury after past Schofield's left flank. The march of such a great body of reen over nown lost and answer the stinging comments.



received large numbers of recruits, who were loaded down by heavy knapsacks and completely exhausted by the long marching and watching. Opdycke orthat they would be overlooked. The dered his veterans to bring along every man at the point of the bayonet, and to tated the anguish. begin by cutting off his knapsack. Ow-ing to this less than 20 of our men were captured on the retreat. At 11 a. m. here and there, and knowledge of that Opdycke reached Stevens's Hill, over- fact makes many a Department official looking Franklin, where the brigade tremble. For the Democratic member